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Rome, March 17. *N. S.*

THE Pope has held ſeveral Congregations of State, to conſult upon the Means of ſecuring the Eccleſiaſtical Territories, againſt the Excurſions both of the Imperial and the *French* Parties; in order to which it has been propoſed to make a Line along the Confines of the *Boloneze* and *Ferrareze*, which border upon the Dutchies of *Modena* and *Mirandola*; and Orders have been ſent to the Count *de Paulucci*, who commands the Pope's Forces in thoſe Parts, to view the Ground, and report whether this is practicable, and what the Expence of it would amount to. Signior *d'Aſti*, the Pope's Commiſſary at War, and Colonel *Caſuti*, his firſt Enginier, are ſent to *Civita-Vecchia* to viſit that Port, and to conſider what Fortifications are wanting to make it more ſecure. Letters from the Province of *Abruzzo* in the Kingdom of *Naples* ſay, they have had another Shock of Earthquake, whereby *Caſtiglione delle Valli*, *Scoranno*, *Campli*, and ſome other ſmall Towns, were almoſt ruined. The Pope has appointed a Congregation to conſider of rebuilding the Cities of *Norcia* and *Caſſia*, which were deſtroyed by the late Earthquake. He has directed that a Jubile of ſeveral days continuance be obſerved throughout all *Italy*; during which time Indulgences are to be beſtowed on all Perſons that ſhall perform certain Acts of Devotion, to avert the Wrath of God, and implore him to put an end to the War which is carried on in this Country between the Emperor, *France* and *Spain*. The *Spaniſh* Ambaſſador being diſſatisfied with the Pope's cauſing a Guard to be poſted near his Houſe, which was occaſioned by ſome Diſorders committed by his Servants, is thereupon retired to a Country Houſe called *Villa Lodoviſia*, declaring, That he would not return to Court till ſuch time as the ſaid Guard was removed, wherein it is not likely the Pope will comply with him. The Priſons of the Inquiſition here are full of Perſons who are accuſed of holding certain Opinions in Matters of Religion, which are looked upon to be altogether Heretical; and the Congregation, to whom is committed the Care of thoſe Matters, is directed to be very ſtrict in their Enquiry into the Riſe and Progreſs of this Sect. The Abbot *de Lionne*, a Titular Biſhop in *China*, is arrived here from that Country to give his Evidence againſt the Jeſuits, in the Cauſe which has been ſo long depending before the ſame Congregation, concerning their allowing the Converts they make in thoſe Parts to retain divers Idolatrous Superſtitions. The Abbot *Archinto*, Nephew to the Cardinal *Archinto*, Archbiſhop of *Milan*, is made Biſhop of *Vigevano* in that Dutchy.

Venice, March 24. Signior *Lorenzo Tiepolo* went from hence this week on his Embaſſy to *France*, and Signior *Giovanni Delphino*, who is choſen Ambaſſador from this State to the Emperor, is on his departure. The Convoy which ſailed lately from hence for the *Levant* met with a great Storm off of the Coaſt of *Dalmatia*, which having diſperſed the Fleet, the Man of War on board which was Signior *Juſtiniani*, this Republick's Baylo or Ambaſſador in Ordinary to the *Ottoman Porte*, was forced into the Port of *Ancona*, with 4 Ships more, which have ſince taken the opportunity of a fair Wind to continue their Voyage, and we hope to receive the like good Account of the reſt. Our Letters from the Imperial and *French* Armies bring Advice, That the Duke of *Vendoſme* had removed his head Quarter from *Guaſtalla* to *San Benedetto*; which Place he was fortifying, as alſo ſeveral Poſts along the Rivers *Mincio* and *Secchia*, and was aſſembling a Body of 20000 Men near *Luzzara*, in order, as was thought, to paſs the *Secchia*, and to attack ſome of the *German* Quarters; whereupon the Count *de Staremberg* had given Orders for the Imperial Forces to draw together in two Bodies, one to be commanded by himſelf, and the other under the Conduct of the young Prince of [illegible] tending to diſpute the Paſſage of that River with the Enemy; for which purpoſe he had alſo raiſed a Battery of 14 Pieces of Cannon at the Mouth of the *Secchia*; That the Count *de Solari*, who commanded at *Guaſtalla* when it was taken by the *French*, and was under an Obligation with his Gariſon not to bear Arms againſt them during a certain time, having accompliſhed that Term, is returning with thoſe Forces to *Italy*, having with him beſides a good number of Recruits for the *German* Forces; And that the *French* having for ſeveral days battered the Town of *Berſello* with 30 Pieces of Cannon and 20 Mortars, had been obliged, by the very great Rains which have lately begun again to fall there, to give over playing with their Batteries, till the Seaſon becomes more favourable.

Paris, April 2. *N. S.* On the 25th paſt the Abbot of St. *Maurice* was conſecrated Biſhop of *Saintes* by the Archbiſhop of *Sens*. The *French* King took a Review on the 29th, in the Plains of *Marly*, of his Muſketier-Guards. The Chevalier *de Treſſemane*, Major-General of the *French* Army in *Germany*, is come from *Strasbourg* to give the King an Account of the Condition of thoſe Forces, which, according to our laſt Advices from thence, continued in their Quarters, and the Marſhal *de Villars* was ſtill at *Strasbourg*. It is given out here, That he has Orders to endeavour a Junction with the Elector of *Bavaria*, and that in the mean time the Marſhal *de Tallard* will command the *French* Forces in *Alſace*. Monſieur *de Guiche* has bought of the Count *de Teſſe* the Poſt of Colonel-General of the Regiments of Horſe called the *Cravates*, for the Sum of 480000 Livres, and has ſold for 280000 Livres

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